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Human Rights (Argentina).

We were disappointed that the item we submitted on Argentinian Human Rights last Friday did not go forward for the President's reading. (U)

We are specifically concerned with two elements in implementation of revised U.S. policy toward Argentina:

- (1) The substantive danger that some of the guidance the President has given on speedily upgrading relations with Argentina could be overzealously interpreted in ways that could undermine his human rights policy. To put it bluntly, some who are unsympathetic to the latter might seize on the new directive to relegate it to a very low priority, which we doubt the President had in mind. It will be particularly important for Bill Bowdler's interlocutors in BA on his July trip to know he is asserting an important top-level policy when he reiterates our slightly modified concern for human rights violations in Argentina. (C)
- (2) We find increasing distress among American private groups about a changed policy they know only through rumors, leaks, and speculation. We are getting a good deal of pressure from people who think they know what the new policy is and are very concerned that we will simply loose interest in the noxious human rights violations practiced in the past by the Argentine government, some of which continue.

RECOMMENDATION: To remedy both problems, we recommend that State be instructed to develop a public clarification of the revised policy in proper perspective. The aim would be to scotch harmful rumors at home, and to give a helpful advance backdrop to Bill Bowdler's July trip to Argentina. If you approve, we will develop appropriate guidance for State. (S)

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